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February 6, 2013

Idaho Public Utilities Commission Attn: Jean Jewell, Commission Secretary 472 W. Washington PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074

COL-T-13-01

Re: Petition for Amendment to Certificated Service Area Boundary

Dear Jean:

Enclosed for filing and consideration are an original and seven copies of Columbine Telephone Company, Inc.'s Petition for Amendment to its Certificated Service Area Boundary. Expedited treatment is requested. Questions concerning this Petition may be directed to Ron McCue at 307-883-6670 or to me at the number shown below.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Motzkus

Legal & Regulatory Administrator

307-883-6690

**Enclosures** 

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#### BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF	)	Case No.	COL-	1-13	-01
COLUMBINE TELEPHONE COMPANY,					
INC. FOR AMENDMENT OF ITS	)	PETITION	FOR AME	NDMENT	OF
CERTIFICATED SERVICE AREA	)	CERTIFIC	ATED SERV	VICE AR	EA
BOUNDARY	)	BOUNDA	RY		

Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. ("Columbine") hereby petitions the Commission for an Order approving this Petition for Amendment of Certificated Service Area Boundary. In support hereof, Columbine states as follows:

Columbine is a Title 61 regulated telephone corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wyoming, and is authorized to do business in Idaho and to provide basic and local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued to it by the Commission.

Columbine's principal place of business is in Freedom, Wyoming and it maintains central offices in Driggs, Victor and Tetonia, Idaho. Columbine provides basic local exchange telecommunications services, MTS, transport services to interexchange carriers, special access services, broadband and other telecommunications services that its customers may from time to time request or require.

On October 20, 1997, the Commission issued Order No. 27166 granting Columbine's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as a result of the Commission approved purchase and transfer of Qwest exchanges (Commission Order No. 26353 issued March 5, 1996), and thereafter issued Columbine Certificate No. 329, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Following an internal review and audit, Columbine is aware that the exchange boundary descriptions on file with the Commission are in conflict with the actual exchange areas served by Columbine. This Petition requests correction of its certificated exchange areas to accurately reflect its service areas, as shown on Exhibit B. The corrected boundaries are not in the vicinity of any line, plant or system of any other public utility already constructed and, in fact,

Columbine has served the areas within these boundaries since 1997 and continues to be willing to serve, and is best able to serve, the customers within the corrected boundaries.

A legal description for each of the amended certificated service area exchange boundaries being requested is attached as Exhibit C, D, and E (Driggs, Victor and Tetonia, respectively).

A compact disc containing the legal descriptions in Microsoft Word format accompanies this Petition.

The requested Certificate amendment will not affect the service area boundary of any other certificated telecommunications carrier, and will not injure or interfere with the operation of any line, plant or system of any other public utility already constructed.

Columbine requests that all notices and communications concerning this Petition be directed to the following individuals at the addresses given below:

Ron B. McCue President and COO Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. PO Box 226 Freedom, WY 83120 Michelle Motzkus Legal & Regulatory Administrator Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. PO Box 226 Freedom, WY 83120

WHEREFORE, Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. respectfully requests an expedited Order of this Commission granting the amendment to Certificate No. 329 to incorporate boundary correction adjustments, as described in Exhibits C, D and E attached hereto, and granting such further relief as the Commission deems just, reasonable and necessary.

# REQUEST FOR MODIFIED PROCEDURE

Because this Petition seeks minor boundary changes, and will not affect the service area boundary of any other certificated telecommunications carrier, and will not injure or interfere with the operation of any line, plant or system of any other public utility already constructed, Columbine further respectfully requests that this Petition proceed under Rules 201-204 of the Commission's Modified Procedure Rules 201 through 210.

Dated this day of February, 2013.

Columbine Telephone Company, Inc.

By:

Michelle Motzkus

Legal & Regulatory Administrator

307-883-6690

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Freedom, WY 83120

## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	' ) ·
SILVER STAR TELEPHONE COMPANY,	) CASE NO. COL-T-97-1
COLUMBINE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	)
D.B.A. TETON TELECOM COMMUNICA-	) CERTIFICATE NO. 329
TIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	ý
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.	)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Certificate No. 329, is issued to Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. d.b.a. Teton Telecom Communications, an affiliate of Silver Star Telephone Company. This Certificate authorizes Columbine to provide Title 61 regulated telecommunication services, including basic exchange services, within parts of the state of Idaho. The Commission approved Columbine's Certificate by Order No. 27166 issued October 20, 1997, issued in Case Nos. USW-T-97-17, COL-T-97-1, COL-T-97-1, PRJ-T-97-1, PRJ-T-97-1, SAW-T-97-1, WTL-T-97-1. Order No. 27166 limits the areas in which Columbine is authorized to provide Title 61 services and includes the following territory:

#### **BONNEVILLE COUNTY**

T3N, R44E, Those portions of Sections 2 and 3 in Bonneville County; Section 10; those portions of Sections 11 and 14 in Bonneville County; Sections 15, 22 and 23; those portions of Sections 24 and 25 in Bonneville County; Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35; that portion of Section 36 in Bonneville County

T3N, R45E, Those portions of Sections 31, 32, 33 and 34 in Bonneville County

#### MADISON COUNTY

T6N, R42E,	Those portions of Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24 lying East of Canyon Creek
T6N, R43E,	Sections 5 through 8; 17 through 20; 29 through 32
T7N, R42E,	Sections 25; E1/4 26; 36
T7N, R43E,	All of Sections 19 and 20 in Madison County; Sections 29 through 32

## **TETON COUNTY**

T3N, R44E,	Section 1; those portions of Sections 2, 3 and 11 in Teton County; Section 12; and those portions of Sections 13, 14, 24, 25 and 36 in Teton County
T3N, R45E,	All in Teton County
T3N, R46E,	All in Teton County
T4N, R44E,	All
T4N, R45E,	All

T4N, R46E,	All in Teton County
T5N, R44E,	All
T5N, R45E,	All
T5N, R46E,	All in Teton County
T6N, R43E,	Sections 1 through 4; 9 through 16; 21 through 28; 33 through 36
T6N, R44E,	All
T6N, R45E,	All
T6N, R46E,	All in Teton County
T7N, R43E,	All in Teton County
T7N, R44E,	All in Teton County
T7N, R45E,	All in Teton County
T7N, R46E,	All in Teton County
T8N, R45E,	All in Teton County
T8N, R46E,	All in Teton County

This Certificate is predicated upon and is issued pursuant to the findings of the Commission in Order No. 27166.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 15-22 day of December 1997.

DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

KALPH NÉLSON, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters Commission Secretary

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#### DRIGGS EXCHANGE

Beginning at the SE corner of Section 32, T5N, R46E, thence S 0°16'31" E a distance of 17,168.92 feet, thence S 89°51'0" W a distance of 5,294.14 feet, thence N 89°54'25" W a distance of 3,985.42 feet, thence N 0°14'13" E a distance of 1,292.27 feet, thence N 89°29'37" W a distance of 1,310.17 feet, thence S a distance of 1,585.76 feet, thence N 89°45'25" W a distance of 19,898.39 feet, thence S 0°19'54" W a distance of 6,353.68 feet, thence S 89°42'29" E a distance of 3,933.75 feet, thence S 0°1'32" W a distance of 3,286.66 feet, thence N 89°54'54" W a distance of 3,955.06 feet, thence S 0°28'19" W a distance of 4,599.13 feet, thence N 89°36'28" W a distance of 5,285.11 feet, thence N 0°32'37" E a distance of 1,620.31 feet, thence N 89°2'49" W a distance of 7,935.65 feet, thence S 0°37'51" W a distance of 1,695.28 feet, thence W to the SW corner of Section 33, T4N, R43E, thence N to the NW corner of Section 28, T5N, R43E, thence S 89°51'55" E a distance of 3,8904.69 feet, thence N 0°57'20" E a distance of 2,879.57 feet, thence S 89°57'34" E a distance of 8,813.96 feet, thence S 0°2'51" E a distance of 2,908.14 feet, thence S 89°44'35" E a distance of 8,675.67, thence S 0°18'27" W a distance of 1,353.32, thence S 89°44'25" E a distance of 6,658.10 feet, thence N 0°4'19" W a distance of 9,186.37 feet, thence N 89°56'17" E a distance of 5,312.99 feet, thence N 0°7'17" E a distance of 2,661.76 feet, thence S 89°44'8" E a distance of 2,619.67 feet, thence N 0°24'52" E a distance of 2,313.76 feet, thence N 48°58'50" E a distance of 3,557.48 feet, thence N 0°53'21" W a distance of 1,808.77 feet, thence S 89°39'24" E a distance of 10,605.29 feet, thence N 0°12'0" E a distance of 1,512.52 feet, thence N 89°59'45" E a distance of 1,188.31 feet, thence N 0°33'4" E a distance of 1,301.08 feet, thence E a distance of 4,088.97 feet, thence S 0°4'7" W a distance of 1,356.77 feet, thence E a distance of 1,333.91 feet, thence N a distance of 1,258.21 feet, thence E a distance of 1,457.95 feet, thence S 0°9'53" E a distance of 1,637.95 feet, thence N 89°42'21" E a distance of 931.88 feet, thence south to the SE corner of Section 32, T5N, R46E and to the Point of Beginning.

### VICTOR EXCHANGE

Beginning at the SE corner of Section 32, T4N, R46E, thence north along the west line of the Wyoming stateline a distance of 14,600 feet, thence S 89°51'0" W a distance of 5,294.14 feet, thence N 89°54'25" W a distance of 3,985.42 feet, thence N 0°14'13" E a distance of 1,292.27 feet, thence N 89°29'37" W a distance of 1,310.17 feet, thence S a distance of 1,585.76 feet, thence N 89°45'25" W a distance of 19,898.39 feet, thence S 0°19'54" W a distance of 6,353.68 feet, thence S 89°42'29" E a distance of 3,933.75 feet, thence S 0°1'32" W a distance of 3,286.66 feet, thence N 89°54'54" W a distance of 3,955.06 feet, thence S 0°28'19" W a distance of 4,599.13 feet, thence N 89°36'28" W a distance of 5,285.11 feet, thence N 0°32'37" E a distance of 1,620.31 feet, thence N 89°2'49" W a distance of 7,935.65 feet, thence S 0°37'51" W a distance of 1,695.28 feet, thence west along the township line between T3N and T4N to a point where said line bisects the top comb of the Big Hole mountain range, thence following along the top comb of said mountain range in a southeasterly direction to the west line of the Wyoming stateline, thence north along the west line of the state of Wyoming to the SE corner of Section 32, T4N, R46E and to the Point of Beginning.

# TETONIA EXCHANGE

Beginning at the SW corner of Section 21, T5N, R43E, thence S 89°51'55" E a distance of 38,904.69 feet, thence N 0°57'20" E a distance of 2,879.57 feet, thence S 89°57'34" E a distance of 8,813.96 feet, thence S 0°2'51" E a distance of 2,908.14 feet, thence S 89°44'35" E a distance of 8,675.67, thence S 0°18'27" W a distance of 1,353.32, thence S 89°44'25" E a distance of 6,658.10 feet, thence N 0°4'19" W a distance of 9,186.37 feet, thence N 89°56'17" E a distance of 5,312.99 feet, thence N 0°7'17" E a distance of 2,661.76 feet, thence S 89°44'8" E a distance of 2,619.67 feet, thence N 0°24'52" E a distance of 2,313.76 feet, thence N 48°58'50" E a distance of 3,557.48 feet, thence N 0°53'21" W a distance of 1,808.77 feet, thence S 89°39'24" E a distance of 10,605.29 feet, thence N 0°12'0" E a distance of 1,512.52 feet, thence N 89°59'45" E a distance of 1,188.31 feet, thence N 0°33'4" E a distance of 1,301.08 feet, thence a distance of 4,088.97 feet, thence S 0°4'7" W a distance of 1,356.77 feet, thence E a distance of 1,333.91 feet, thence N a distance of 1,258.21 feet, thence East a distance of 1,457.95 feet, thence S 0°9'53" E a distance of 1,637.95 feet, thence N 89°42'21" E a distance of 931.88 feet more or less to a point on the boundary line between the states of Idaho and Wyoming, thence north along the boundary line between the states of Idaho and Wyoming to a point where said dividing line intersects Bitch Creek, thence westerly and down the center of said Bitch Creek to a point where said Bitch Creek intersects and runs into the main channel of the Teton River and to the center of said main channel, thence down the said main channel of the Teton River to a point where the same intersects the section line between Sections 16 and 17, T7N, R43E, thence south to the SW corner of Section 21, T5N, R43E and to the Point of Beginning.